

Application Serial No. 09/478,849
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Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 1-43 and 46-87 are pending in the application.

Claims 32-43, 57-69, 72-73 and 76-77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood (U.S. Patent No. 4,669,810) in view of Kato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,817,597) and Opitek et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,915,548).

Claims 38 and 39 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claims 1-31, 46-56, 70-71, 74-75 and 78-87 stand allowed.

Claim Objections

Claims 38 and 39 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claims 38 and 39 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wood in view of Kato et al. and Opitek et al.

Claims 32-43, 57-69, 72-73 and 76-77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood (U.S. Patent No. 4,669,810) in view of Kato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,817,597) and Opitek et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,915,548).

Claims 32-43, 57-69, 72-73 and 76-77 have been cancelled without prejudice.

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Application Data Sheet

Enclosed is an Application Data Sheet which provides the present address of the Inventor, and recommends FIG. 4 for publication on the face of the patent.

Summary and Conclusions

Claims 32-43, 57-69, 72-73 and 76-77 have been cancelled without prejudice. The remaining claims stand allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application as amended herein in view of the arguments hereinabove. Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is now in the proper form for Notice of Allowance.

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